

Voicemail is a finite resource for those of us with only cellular service. Current technology empowers cellular phone owners to decide which calls we wish to answer, go to voicemail, or discard without filling voicemail. Allowing ringless voicemail "calls", would remove this choice from the consumer. In addition, there is a very real possibility that, in a single night, voicemail may be fully consumed by telemarketers or other business calls that do not go through this process.

Here is a scenario to consider: a consumer has thier voicemail 50% full when they go to bed at night, and telemarketers fill their voicemail storage to overflowing. That consumer, the next morning, steps into the shower, and while there, their child, who is away at summer camp, calls with an emergency. Since the consumer is in the shower, they do not hear the phone ring. Since the voicemail is filled, they do not get the urgen missive that their child is having an emergency. I would not want to be on the panel that approves a process that could result in such a scenario playing out.

In the strongest terms, I urge you to REJECT the proposal of "ringless voicemail", filing 02-278, before you now.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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